

APPROVED 02/19/2009

At 6:05 pm the Board's meeting was called to order in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, and Brett Hunter. Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and Guest Greta St Germain were present.

Cordes reviewed the agenda.

There was discussion on the follow-up to the cable contract. Carlson outlined the discussion of last weeks meeting and the Board indicated that they had expected Nygren would forward the information to Peter Epstein.

Carlson outlined that the information had not been provided until yesterday, and that Epstein had been in contact with Somers' office but had not yet a reply. The Board decided that they would take no action this evening and hope that it could be ironed out for signing of the contract on 02/19/09.

Cordes acknowledged that Ms St Germain was here, who is a candidate for Selectman on the ballot. He outlined some of the Board's roles and responsibilities, meeting schedules, and what are typical agenda items.

There was ongoing general discussion about the Board and weekly routines. St Germain asked questions and the Board shared their thoughts about community service. Some projects of the past few years were discussed, and the general day-to-day tasks of the Board reviewed.

St Germain said she had decided to run to become more involved in the community. She outlined some of her background as well. She has been a Fremont resident for five years.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Action on the minutes for 05 February 2009 was deferred.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest dated 02/13/09 in the amount of \$39,613.85. Motion was made to approve the payables manifest in the amount of \$39,613.85 by Hunter. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.

2. Selectmen considered the Energy Committee's request for review of HB 189 regarding official creation of Energy Commissions. The legislation is due for a House vote on Tuesday. The bill would formally create Energy Committees and provide some funding mechanisms for them.

Gates moved to support HB 189. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved. Carlson will send out emails with contact information once obtained from Bob Larson.

3. Selectmen reviewed and signed outgoing correspondence drafted by Nygren in follow-up to last weeks meeting, to Keith Stanton regarding information about School District Meeting and wind generation facilities; and to Connie Magnusson regarding purchase of his parcel 02-070.

4. The election warrant from the Town Clerk was signed by the Board for posting for the March 10, 2009 elections. This was returned to the Clerk's mailbox.

At 7:15 pm Richard Butler came into the meeting.

There was discussion about recent activity of the Department. There was discussion about how to properly acknowledge the retirement of Chief Heselton.

Neal Janvrin came into the meeting at 7:30 pm. Butler and St Germain left the meeting at this time.

Hunter moved to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Hunter moved to return to public session at 7:55 pm. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Hunter moved to take a 5 minute recess at this time.

At 8:00 pm the meeting returned to session. Chief Janvrin left the meeting.

Renee King joined the meeting at this time. She wanted to talk with the Board about the Summer Camp Program. She said the Commission met on Tuesday night this week and had discussed the format for the 2009 summer program.

She said that enrollment had been down in 2008 and they want to get as many children as possible to be able to attend the program. They are discussing options to the layout to make it workable from the Town's standpoint and affordable for residents.

She said they had been trying to decide if it is a recreational event to give kids a program for the summer and get them involved in something versus is it a daycare program. She said the group had discussed ideas and would really like to see it as a recreational event to give kids something to do for the summer.

The Director Jen Jaquith has looked at other payment options including for example, \$85 for the first week, second week of the same child coming is \$10 less or \$75; and the third week another \$10 less or \$65; etc. Another fee structure discussion was that of a cap for children from families of \$200 per week.

King said that their review of after care also revealed that if it began earlier, it would be more beneficial. So, they are looking at after care beginning at 7:30 am instead of 8:00 am.

She said if there was not enough interest, they may not offer the program at all. She urged the need for pre registration and a program outline being put together early, which Jen is already working on.

King then asked the Board about upgrade from the CIT position to fill the one open position in staffing this year. The Board thought this was the purpose of the CIT program, to fill vacancies from within the group, and thought this would be acceptable.

King thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

5. Carlson updated the Board on the 2007 BTLA filing of Robert and Margaret Bartley. The BTLA filing on their 2007 appeal had been processed by the Town, but the Bartley's had not filed for a settlement hearing as per BTLA rules. Yesterday their case was placed in default and the Town sent a letter as indicated in the Order dated 02/09/09. Today, Mr Bartley sent an email to Jeanne Nygren and a certified letter to the Selectmen indicating that extenuating health circumstances had caused his delay in scheduling an appointment (settlement discussion) with the Selectmen.

In light of the health concerns outlined, Carlson had drafted a return letter to the BTLA, copied by Mr Bartley, setting a time for an appointment in March and indicating the Board of Selectmen did not have any objection to having the matter re-opened. Hunter moved to approve and sign the letter to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.

6. Carlson reported on a citizen question about snowmobile use near Brown Brook Circle, and a reference from the NH Trails Bureau that indicated the resident could meet with the Selectmen to review the issue. No further information was available at this time, and it is not known for what reason the resident was advised to meet with the Selectmen.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday February 19, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

All Town Offices are closed on Monday February 16, 2009 in observance of President's Day. There is NO DELAY in trash collection.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Gates to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator